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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Madam:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Communication be extended two (2) months from October 6, 2001 to December 6, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$400.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 200756. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.001/38-21(15075)B. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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